

SENATE BILL 874

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By: **Senators Frosh, Currie, and Miller**
Introduced and read first time: February 15, 2010
Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judgeships – Circuit Courts and District Court – Creation in Areas of**
3 **Greatest Certified Need**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the number of resident judges of the circuit court in
5 certain judicial circuits; altering the number of associate judges of the District
6 Court in certain districts; specifying the number of District Court judges to be
7 appointed from certain counties; and generally relating to judgeships in the
8 circuit courts and the District Court of Maryland.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
11 Section 1–503 and 1–603(b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
16 Section 1–602
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

22 1–503.

23 (a) In each county in the first seven judicial circuits there shall be the
24 number of resident judges of the circuit court set forth below, including the judge or
25 judges provided for by the Constitution:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1	(1)	Allegany	2
2	(2)	Anne Arundel.....	12
3	(3)	Baltimore County	[18] 19
4	(4)	Calvert.....	2
5	(5)	Caroline.....	1
6	(6)	Carroll	3
7	(7)	Charles	4
8	(8)	Cecil.....	3
9	(9)	Dorchester.....	1
10	(10)	Frederick.....	4
11	(11)	Garrett	1
12	(12)	Harford.....	5
13	(13)	Howard.....	5
14	(14)	Kent.....	1
15	(15)	Montgomery	[22] 23
16	(16)	Prince George's	[23] 24
17	(17)	Queen Anne's	1
18	(18)	St. Mary's	3
19	(19)	Somerset.....	1
20	(20)	Talbot	1
21	(21)	Washington	5
22	(22)	Wicomico	3
23	(23)	Worcester	3

1 (b) In Baltimore City there shall be ~~[33]~~ **34** resident judges of the Circuit
2 Court for Baltimore City.

3 1-602.

4 For the purposes of operation and administration of the District Court, the
5 State is divided into the following districts:

6 (1) District 1 — Baltimore City.

7 (2) District 2 — Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester
8 counties.

9 (3) District 3 — Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent, and Cecil
10 counties.

11 (4) District 4 — Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert counties.

12 (5) District 5 — Prince George's County.

13 (6) District 6 — Montgomery County.

14 (7) District 7 — Anne Arundel County.

15 (8) District 8 — Baltimore County.

16 (9) District 9 — Harford County.

17 (10) District 10 — Howard and Carroll counties.

18 (11) District 11 — Frederick and Washington counties.

19 (12) District 12 — Allegany and Garrett counties.

20 1-603.

21 (b) In each of the districts provided for in § 1-602 of this subtitle, there shall
22 be the following number of associate judges of the District Court:

23 (1) District 1 — ~~[27]~~ **28**

24 (2) District 2 — 6, two to be appointed from Wicomico County and two
25 to be appointed from Worcester County

26 (3) District 3 — 6, two to be appointed from Cecil County

1 (4) District 4 — **[5] 6**, two to be appointed from Calvert County and
2 **[two] THREE** to be appointed from Charles County

3 (5) District 5 — **[15] 16**

4 (6) District 6 — **[11] 12**

5 (7) District 7 — 9

6 (8) District 8 — 13

7 (9) District 9 — **[4] 5**

8 (10) District 10 — 7, two to be appointed from Carroll County and five
9 to be appointed from Howard County

10 (11) District 11 — **[5] 6**, three to be appointed from Frederick County
11 and **[two] THREE** to be appointed from Washington County

12 (12) District 12 — 3, two to be appointed from Allegany County

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2010.